

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached "Replacement Sheets" of drawings includes changes to Figures 1 and 2 to include reference numbers 48 and 62, for identifying the crank body 48 that is received within a D-shaped recess 62. The attached "Replacement Sheets," which includes Figures 1 and 2, replace the original sheets including Figures 1 and 2.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

REMARKS

Claims 20-29 are now pending in the application. The Applicant has rewritten claim 20 to overcome the rejection and place the claims in a condition for allowance as indicated by the Examiner in the Office Action dated January 30, 2006.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 20-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to “structurally connect the integral cranking means to the reel or the second recess to the body”, as indicated in the Office Action dated January 30, 2006.

With regard to claim 20, this claim has been amended to clarify that the buoyant body has a **first** recess in which a reel is rotatably mounted, and also a second D-shaped recess in which the cranking means may be pushed into a stowed position. Claim 20 has also been amended to clarify that the integral cranking means is **in connection with the reel**. The Applicant submits that amended claim 20 clearly points out and distinctly claims the subject matter which the Applicant regards as his invention, and believes that the amendments to claim 20 have properly addressed the Examiner’s rejections to place the claim in a condition for allowance. The Applicant also submits claims 21-24 are also in a condition for allowance by their dependence from claim 20.

NEWLY ADDED CLAIMS

The Applicant has presented newly added dependent claims 25-29 that are substantially similar to originally filed claims 5-8 and 10. The Applicant believes these dependent claims are supported by the specification, do not include any new matter, and are also allowable by their dependence from claim 20.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (314) 726-7500.

Respectfully submitted,

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